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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number 09/645,376				
Filing Date August 23, 2000				
First Named Inventor: Michael Scott Probasco				
Art Unit: 2137				
Examiner Name: Paul E. Callahan				
Confirmation No.: 3555				
Attorney Docket No. NC13977US (283890)				

This is a request for <u>Continued Examination (RCE)</u> under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

August 8, 2005

1.	 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed at the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not check. 				
	i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on				
		ii. Other 00 08/11/2005 SDENBOB1 00000048 09645376 790.00 OP			
	b.	⊠ Enclosed			
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		ii. Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)			
	iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449				
		iv. 🛛 Other - Petition for Extension of Time			
2.	<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
	a.	a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)			
	b.	Other			

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3.		7(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when			
	the RCE is filed.	4 1			
	a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit an overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.				
	i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)				
	(\$790.00 large entity; \$395.00 small entity)				
	ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)				
	iii. Other				
b. \boxtimes Check in the amount of $$790.00 + 120.00$ (extension) enclosed					
	Respectfully submitted,				
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